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TAGS: YO, MILI
SUBJ: YUGOSLAV REQUEST FOR LICENSED PRODUCTION OF COMPOSITE
PROPELLANTS

REF: A) BELGRADE 4826; B) DTG 280816Z JUN 78

1. DURING MEETING WITH GENERAL SUSNJAR REPORTED IN
REF A, ONE OF THE SUBJECTS RAISED BY SUSNJAR INVOLVED
THE GOY'S REQUEST TO PRODUCE COMPOSITE PROPELLANTS
UNDER LICENSE TO THE THIOKOL CORPORTATION.

2. EVIDENTLY, THIS REQUEST DATES BACK TO DEC 1977,
WHEN THE DOD TEAM MET WITH YUGOSLAV REPRESENTATIVES TO
DISCUSS MILITARY COOPERATION FOLLOWING THE SECRETARY
OF DEFENSE'S VISIT TO BELGRADE IN OCTOBER. AS ADVISED
DURING THIS MEETING BY THE DOD REPRESENTATIVES, THE
GOY CONTACTED THE THIOKOL COMPANY TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITIES
FOR LICENSED PRODUCTION IN YUGOSLAVIA. AS A
RESULT OF THIS DISCUSSION, THIOKOL SUBMITTED A REQUEST
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TO THE OFFICE OF MUNITIONS CONTROL ON 8 MARCH, 1978
(CASE NR 055125) FOR AN EXPORT LICENSE IN ORDER TO
NEGOTIATE A MANUFACUTRING LICENSING AGREEMENT ON
COMPOSITE PROPELLANTS FOR ROCKET MOTORS WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF YUGOSLAVIA.

3. ACCORDING TO GENERAL SUSNJAR THE REQUEST FOR

LICENSE IS STILL PENDING, AND THE YUGOSLAV FEDERAL SECRETARIAT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE IS OFFICIALLY SEEKING EMBESSY BELGRADE'S SUPPORT FOR THE LICENSED PRODUCTION (SEPTEL).

4. IN ADDITION TO GENERAL SUSNJAR'S PERSONAL PLEA TO THE AMBASSADOR, AND THE OFFICIAL LETTER FROM THE FEDERAL SECRETARIAT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE, AMBASSADOR HAS ALSO BEEN TOLD BY DIRECTOR OF NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS IN THE FSFA (BERNARDIC), THAT HE WILL WANT TO SEE HIM NEXT WEEK TO REINFORCE THE IMPORTANCE THE YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT ATTACHES TO GOY REQUEST. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT GENERAL SUSNJAR'S LETTER STATES THAT THE PRODUCTION WILL BE USED EXCLUSIVELY INSIDE YUGOSLAVIA.

5. INFORMATION FROM THE THIOKOL CORPORTATION INDICATES THAT THE TECHNOLOGY PROPOSED IS BETWEEN 15 AND 20 YEARS OLD, AND HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY EXPORTED TO JAPAN.

6. YUGOSLAV INTEREST IN PRODUCING THIS PROPELLANT IS UNDOUBTEDLY RELATED TO THE GOY'S DECISION TO REDUCE THEIR DEPENDENCY UPON THEIR MAJOR SOURCE OF SUPPLY -- THE USSR, ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE BEEN HESITANT TO SO STATE.

7. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT IS IN OUR NATIONAL INTEREST TO ENCOURAGE YUGOSLAV SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN A MODEST
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PRODUCTION OF THIS PROPELLANT AND STRONGLY RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE EXPORT LICENSE.
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